The London Hospital Medical College.

THE CLINICAL COURSE.

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Students are asked to make themselves familiar with the organisation of the Clinical Course and the Hospital rules set out in this book. It also contains information as to clinical appointments, lectures, and examinations.

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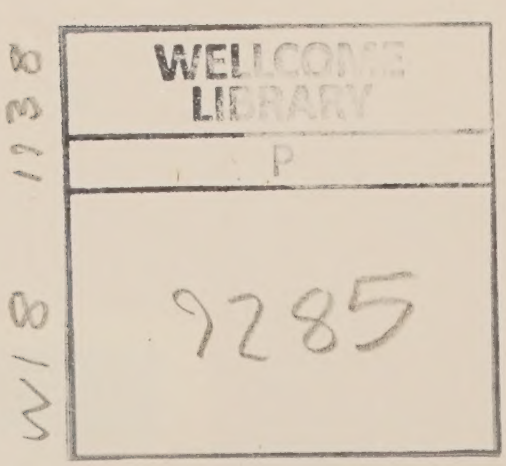

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I. CLINICAL APPOINTMENTS.

Introductory Ward Courses.—The clinical part of the curriculum begins with an Introductory Course in elementary medicine, surgery, and pathology. This course lasts one month, and is repeated in February, May, August, and November.

Hospital Work.—The Introductory Ward Course counts as the first of the 33 calendar months of hospital work which every student has to complete before he can obtain the qualifying Diploma of the Conjoint Board or the M.B. Degree of any University. Except for special reasons and in special cases, clinical work attempted at the London Hospital before the completion of the Introductory Ward Course cannot be accepted as hospital work.

Primary F.R.C.S. Examination.—Students who have completed the Introductory Ward Course and who are working for this examination, may count time so spent as hospital work only if they attend Out-Patient clinical teaching, ward demonstrations, etc., in the afternoons or act as voluntary dressers in Surgical Out-Patients. Students who decide at any time to interrupt their clinical course to work for the " Primary " must inform the Dean.

Clinical Appointments.—A student is required by the regulations of the Conjoint Board and the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge, and London, and the organisation of the London Hospital Medical School, to hold the following appointments :—

Introductory Ward Course	1 month
First In-Patient Medical Clerking	3 months
Second „ „ „	3 „

First Surgical In-Patient Dressing	3 months
Second „ „ „	3 „
Pathology, including Lunacy, Fevers, and Vaccination	3 „
Special Departments & Surgical Out-Patients ...	3 „
Medical Out-Patients and Therapeutics	3 „
Anæsthetics (1 month) followed by Midwifery (2 months), and then Children and Gynæcology (3 months)	6 „
	28 months

Order of Appointments.—With the exception of Anæsthetics, Midwifery, Gynæcology, and Diseases of Children (six months), all appointments last three months, and begin on December 1st, March 1st, June 1st, and September 1st. The Course in Pathology is only held twice a year, *i. e.*, September to November and March to May. The Medical Firms take in turn either all junior or all senior clerks. The Medical Unit only takes seniors. All Surgical Firms take junior and senior students at the same time. The order in which students hold their appointments depends upon the month in which they begin their first appointment. The usual order for the four groups is as follows :—

SEPTEMBER GROUP.

Sept., Oct., Nov.	1st Clerking or 1st Dressing.
Dec., Jan., Feb.	1st Dressing or 1st Clerking.

	A.	B.	C.
March, April, May .	Pathology.	Pathology.	Specials.
June, July, August.	2nd Dressing.	Specials.	2nd Dressing.
Sept., Oct., Nov.....	Specials.	2nd Dressing.	Pathology.
Dec., Jan., Feb. ..	Medical O.Ps. and Therapeutics.		
March, April, May...		2nd Clerking.	

DECEMBER GROUP.

Dec., Jan., Feb.	1st Clerking.
March, April, May.....	1st Dressing.
June, July, August	Specials.
Sept., Oct., Nov.	Pathology.

Dec., Jan., Feb.	Medical O.Ps. and Therapeutics.
March, April, May.....	2nd Dressing or 2nd Clerking.
June, July, August	2nd Clerking or 2nd Dressing.

MARCH GROUP.

March, April, May.....	1st Clerking.	
June, July, August	.....	1st Dressing.
Sept., Oct., Nov.	Pathology.	

	A.	B.
Dec., Jan., Feb.	2nd Dressing.	Specials.
March, April, May.....	Specials.	2nd Dressing.
June, July, August	Medical O.Ps. and Therapeutics.	
Sept., Oct., Nov.	2nd Clerking.	

JUNE GROUP.

June, July, August	1st Clerking.
Sept., Oct., Nov.	1st Dressing.
Dec., Jan., Feb.	Specials.
March, April, May.....	Pathology.
June, July, August	Medical O.Ps. and Therapeutics.
Sept., Oct., Nov.	2nd Dressing.
Dec., Jan., Feb.	2nd Clerking.

Anæsthetics, Midwifery, Gynæcology, and Children.—Six, and when necessary eight, students begin Anæsthetics, and another six Midwifery, every month. Students always begin Midwifery in the month immediately following Anæsthetics. As soon as students begin the Introductory Ward Course, therefore, they are placed on a list showing the month in which each begins Midwifery. Names are arranged on this list in order of seniority, and where seniority is equal in alphabetical order. There can be no departure from it except that mutual exchanges may be negotiated with the Dean's consent. No student commences anæsthetics and midwifery unless he has done at least 12 months of clinical appointments excluding the Introductory Ward Course and usually not until he has completed all other appointments. Students should not break up the second period of In-Patient Medical Clerking. This will only be allowed under exceptional circumstances. The second period of Surgical Dressing may, however, be split into two periods of one and two months, respectively, when circumstances demand it. The Dean is

always ready to see students who wish to discuss their work and the best order in which to do appointments. It must be remembered, however, that the conflicting claims of different students, the facilities for teaching, and the requirements of the Hospital, may occasionally make it impossible for the Dean to put into effect advice which he may have given.

General Hospital Work.—Clinical appointments occupy in all 28 months. There are, therefore, 5 months between a student completing the compulsory part of his clinical curriculum and qualification. During this period a student must attend out-patient clinical teaching, ward demonstrations, and P.M. demonstrations etc., to obtain the necessary certificate for 33 months' Hospital work. He is expected to be at the Hospital at least half the day and attend some class or demonstration on four days in every week. A time-table showing attendances of members of the staff, and when they teach, is posted on the notice board. Copies may be obtained in the office.

Voluntary Appointments.—During this period students are apt to lose familiarity with dealing with patients. For this reason, and for the purpose of gaining further practical experience, students are strongly advised to undertake one or more of the following voluntary appointments :—Dresser in the Receiving Room, Dresser to the Ophthalmic or Aural Departments, or to the Septic Wards, or Clerk to the Departments of Cardiology or Dermatology, or to undertake a further period of clerking on one of the general medical firms. Appointments to the special departments may be for one month only, but voluntary appointments to the medical firms should be for three months. Voluntary appointments may also be undertaken during the three months' period of attendance in Medical Out-Patients.

Applications for Appointments.—These should be made to the Dean in writing on the forms which may be obtained in the Office on or before the first day of the month preceding the month in which the new appointment is desired. In applying

for appointments students should follow the order of appointments laid down. They may, however, express preference for certain firms. If a student wishes to depart from the normal sequence of appointments, he should see the Dean. If the Dean gives him permission to do this, he should fill in a form along these lines. *All students must fill in one of the forms on February 1st, May 1st, August 1st, and November 1st* to save the Dean looking through all his cards each quarter. If a student has completed all the compulsory appointments, and is not applying for a voluntary appointment, he should state how he proposes to occupy the forthcoming three months and the next examination he proposes to take.

Allocation of Appointments.—All applications for appointments are considered together. When there are more applications than vacancies for any particular appointment or firm, selection is made on a basis of seniority, the requirements of different examining bodies, the needs of the services of the Hospital, and, when these are equal, by drawing lots.

Reports.—At the end of each Appointment a report on the work of a student is received from Chiefs and from the First Assistant. These reports are taken into consideration when students apply for Clinical Assistantships and House Appointments.

II. HOLIDAYS.

During the clinical part of their training students should have six weeks holiday in the year : a month during the summer if possible, and a week at Christmas and Easter. If a student wants to take a longer holiday, he can do so with the permission of the Dean by missing a clinical appointment, although under the regulations this is likely to postpone the first occasion on which he can enter for his final examination. Forms of application for leave of absence may be obtained in the Office. These must receive the approval of and be signed by the First Assistant of the Firm concerned before being submitted to the Dean.

The Routine work of the Hospital and clinical teaching never stop. It is therefore clearly impossible for everyone to go away at the same time, and it is obviously difficult for the Dean to meet

everyone's wishes in respect of holidays and not interfere with the work of the Hospital and the organisation of clinical teaching. The most convenient times for students to take holidays during the clinical part of the curriculum are as follows :—

(1) During " Specials " when this appointment falls so as to include August and September. There is no teaching in the Special Departments during these two months.

(2) During " Medical Out-Patients and Therapeutics." The course in Therapeutics stops during August and also from December 18th to January 21st for holiday purposes.

(3) The Pathology Course stops for a week at Easter for holiday purposes.

(4) Over Bank Holiday week-ends when the Dean is prepared to grant leave of absence for a week to as many students as possible subject to the approval of Firms.

When a student cannot get his holiday during Specials or Medical Out-Patients, he is allowed a fortnight's leave in the year from any one of his medical or surgical firms. The most convenient times for holidays depends on the month in which a student begins his first appointment. Students are therefore asked to study the paragraph below which particularly concerns them.

Students beginning in September.—The September group is divided in the following February into three sub-groups who hold their later appointments in a different order. Students when they apply in February for a clinical appointment beginning in March may apply for the sub-group which suits them best.

Sub-Group A get a week at Easter during Pathology and the majority should take their summer holiday in September during " Specials." Six, however, in this group must take their summer holidays in August during their second surgical dressing so as to be available as Dressers in Surgical Out-Patients during September. Students are asked to arrange this among themselves and with the Registration Clerk.

Sub-Group B get a week at Easter during Pathology and the majority should take their holiday in August during " Specials." Six students, however, should arrange to take

their summer holidays in September during their second surgical dressing in order to be available to be Dressers in Surgical Out-Patients during August. Students are asked to arrange this among themselves and with the Registration Clerk.

Sub-Group C should take 10 days at Easter while doing "Specials" and a fortnight during August during their second Dressing. They will not be able to go away in September.

Subsequent holidays for all members of this group depends upon the position of individuals in the Midwifery list.

Students beginning in December.—This group have their summer holiday in August during Specials. They must be back by September 1st to begin Pathology. They can get a winter holiday from December 18th to January 21st during Medical Out-Patients and Therapeutics. Subsequent holidays depend on the individual's position in the Midwifery list.

Students beginning in March.—This group take their first summer holiday in July or August during their first surgical dressing as they must be back on September 1st to begin Pathology. In the following November this group is divided into two sub-groups which hold subsequent appointments in a different order. Students may apply for the sub-groups which they prefer.

Sub-group A can take a holiday at Easter during Specials and subgroup B at Christmas during specials.

The whole group gets a holiday in the following August during Medical Out-Patients.

Subsequent holidays depend upon the position of the individual in the Midwifery list.

Students beginning in June.—This group must be content during their first summer with a short holiday in August during the First Clerking. They must be back on September 1st to begin their First Dressing. They can get a holiday at Christmas during specials and a week at Easter during Pathology. In their second summer they can take the whole of August but must be back on September 1st for their second period of dressing. Subsequent holidays depend on the position of the individual in the Midwifery list.

III. LECTURES AND SPECIAL CLASSES.

A student must attend the following courses of lectures in order to obtain the necessary Certificates for the Final Examination of the Conjoint Board or of any University. Except when otherwise stated, attendance at 75 per cent. of the lectures is regarded as sufficient.

Applied Physiology and Elementary Medicine. Dr. HUNTER and Dr. CLARK-KENNEDY.

Winter Session. Mondays and Wednesdays at 12 noon. About 50 lectures.

Medicine. The Physicians to the Hospital.

Winter Session. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 4.15 P.M. The full course extends over two years. About 120 lectures in all. (Attendance at about half of these is required.)

Therapeutics. Dr. CLARK-KENNEDY.

4.15 on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the Summer Session. 20 lectures.

Applied Anatomy.

One Course each term. 12 noon on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Students must attend one Course.

Surgery. Mr. HOWARD.

Winter Session. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4.15 P.M., Saturdays at 9.15 A.M. The lectures on Saturday mornings are particularly intended for junior students. About 60 lectures.

Midwifery and Gynæcology.

Summer Session. Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 9.15 A.M. About 30 lectures.

Anæsthetics. Dr. DALY.

Two courses a year each of three lectures in June and December. Students must attend all three lectures of one course before they may hold their appointment in Anæsthetics.

General Pathology. Professor TURNBULL.

Winter Term. Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 12 noon. About 30 lectures.

Forensic Medicine, Preventive Medicine, Public Health, Medical Jurisprudence and Toxicology.

Summer Session at 9.15 A.M. About 30 lectures.

Bacteriology, Clinical Pathology, and Pathological Histology.

These lectures are arranged in conjunction with, and attended during, the course in Pathology.

Pharmacy, Applied Pharmacology, Physical Medicine, and Medical and Surgical Nursing.

These lectures are arranged in connection with, and attended during, the course in Therapeutics.

Operative Surgery. Mr. HOWARD.

Three courses a year each of 10 demonstrations, *i. e.* in December, February, and June. One complete course must be attended. Arrangements are made for all students to take one of these Courses in Operative Surgery after their first and before their second period of surgical dressing and during Specials or M.O.Ps. so that the Course does not interfere with their work in the wards.

Obstetric Operations. Mr. LACK.

Three courses a year each of four demonstrations.

Radiology. Dr. VILVANDRÉ.

Every Friday afternoon during term at 3.30 P.M

Students are required to attend 9 demonstrations, preferably during one term.

Lunacy. Dr. J. C. WOODS. At Camberwell House.

On Tuesday mornings at 10.30, attended during the course in Pathology. Attendance at 8 out of 10 demonstrations required.

Fevers.

Two afternoons a week, attended while during the course in Pathology. Attendance at the full course of 16 demonstrations is required.

Vaccination. Dr. PANTON and Professor BEDSON.

6 lecture-demonstrations during the course in Pathology. Attendance at all six is required.

Diseases of the eye, ear etc., and skin and venereal diseases.

These demonstrations are arranged to coincide with the quarterly period during which students act as Clerks to the Special Departments, and during this period clerks are expected to attend. They may be attended again at a later date.

Post-Mortem Demonstrations.

Daily throughout the year at 3.30 p.m. Students are expected to attend as many as possible.

Dental Surgery. Mr. SIDNEY ALLEN.

Three courses a year, *i. e.*, every term, on Wednesdays at 11 A.M. 12 demonstrations.

Psychological Medicine. Dr. CULPIN and Dr. H. L. WILSON.

Summer term. Wednesdays at 4.15 P.M. 10 lectures.

Students are advised to attend the following courses of lectures, but certificates of attendance are not required by the Conjoint Board or Universities :—

Orthopædic Surgery. Mr. MILNE.

Summer term on Mondays at 1 P.M. 10 lectures.

Special Pathology. Professor TURNBULL.

Spring and Summer terms. Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 12 noon.

Gynæcological Pathology. Mr. BREWS.

Three courses a year each of 4 lectures.

Surgical Pathology. Mr. HOWARD.

Three courses a year each of 12 lectures. Thursdays at 12 noon.

Tropical Medicine. Dr. MANSON-BAHR.

Summer term. Wednesdays at 4.15 P.M. 4 lectures.

Applied Physiology.

Two courses a year given by the staff of the Medical Unit in the Winter and Summer terms in connection with the advanced course in Medicine. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 5.15 P.M.

Tutorial Lectures.

These are given by the Medical Tutor, Dr. HUNTER, the Surgical Tutor, Mr. PERRY, and the Obstetric Tutor, Mr. BREWS. The lectures in Surgery and Obstetrics are given six weeks before each part of the Final Examinations of the Conjoint Board; the classes in medicine are given before the January and July examinations only. These lectures are intended as final preparation in the subject for the corresponding examination. Students who have been referred in these subjects are required to attend them.

Advice as to Order of Lectures.

Students should not attempt to attend too many courses of lectures at once. The following scheme is suggested as a rough guide as to the order in which different classes should be attended, an asterisk denoting a compulsory course.

Winter.	*Spring.*	*Summer.*
	1st Clinical Year.	
Elementary medicine *.	Elementary medicine *.	Forensic medicine etc.*.
Surgery *.	Surgery *.	Midwifery *.
General pathology *.	Pharmacy *.	Surg. pathology.
		Anæsthetics *.
	2nd Clinical Year.	
Medicine *.	Medicine *.	Tropical medicine.
Obstetric operations *.	Radiology *.	Orthopædics.
Tutorial surgery.	Gynæcological pathology.	Applied anatomy *.
		Forensic medicine *.
	Tutorial midwifery.	
	3rd Clinical Year.	
Medicine *.	Medicine *.	Psychological medicine.
Operative surgery *.	Special pathology.	Special pathology.
Dental surgery *.		Tutorial medicine.
Applied physiology.		

IV. THE FINAL EXAMINATION.

Most students take the Final Examination of the Conjoint Board and obtain the Diploma of M.R.C.S. (England), L.R.C.P. (London), because it qualifies them to practise medicine, and therefore hold hospital appointments, before they are eligible for, or can easily obtain, the M.B. Degree of their University. The University examinations in Anatomy and Physiology afford exemption from the corresponding examination of the Conjoint Board, and if a student proceeds later to one of the higher degrees, *e. g.*, F.R.C.S. or M.R.C.P., it means no additional expense in respect of examination fees. The Fee for admission to the Final Conjoint Examination is thirty guineas, and for readmission twenty guineas.

The Final Examination for the Diploma of the Conjoint Board is divided into four Parts :

Part I. Pathology.

Part II. Medicine.

Part III. Surgery.

Part IV. Midwifery and Gynæcology.

Parts I. II. and III. cannot be taken until after 27 months of Hospital Practice, and Part IV. not until after 33 months of Hospital Practice. The four Parts of the Final Examination may be taken together or separately, but Part IV. must not be taken until the other parts have been passed unless it is taken concurrently with the remaining Part or Parts which have not been previously passed.

The usual order of taking the examination is as follows :— Pathology after 27 months Hospital work, Medicine and Surgery after 30, and Midwifery after 33 months Hospital work.

The requirements of the different parts of the Conjoint Board are set out below, where R means " Required."

	Part I. *Pathology.*	Part II. *Medicine.*	Part III. *Surgery.*	Part IV. *Midwifery.*
6 months' in-patient clerking ...	R†	R	—	R
6 months' in-patient dressing ...	R*	—	R	R
1 month anæsthetics	—	—	R	R
2 months' obstetrics and 20 cases.	—	—	—	R
3 months' gynæcology and pediatrics	—	R	—	R
3 months' specials	—	R	R	R
3 months' pathology including :	R	R	R	R
vaccination, 6 lectures	—	R	R	R
lunacy, 8 out of 10 dems. ...	—	R	—	R
fevers, 16 attendances	—	R	—	R
27 months' hospital work	R	R	R	R
Demonstrations in operative surgery	—	—	R	R
Demonstration in obstetric operations	—	—	—	R
Demonstrations in radiology ...	—	R	R	R
Lectures in elementary medicine and applied physiology .	—	R	R	R
Lectures in medicine	—	R	—	R
Lectures in applied anatomy ...	—	R	R	R
Lectures in surgery	—	—	R	R
Lectures in midwifery and gynæcology...	—	—	—	R
Lectures in anæsthetics	—	—	R	R
M.O.P.'s and therapeutics ..	R	R	R	R
Lectures in general pathology ...	R	R	R	R
Lectures in forensic medicine ...	—	R	R	R
Lectures in hygiene and public health	—	R	—	R
9 lectures in dental diseases ...	R	R	—	—

Students must make themselves aware of the regulations of their own University.

All Schedules requiring signature must *be filled in and given to the Registration Clerk at the Medical College a week before the date on which they have to be sent in to the licensing bodies.*

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* 3 months' specials with Out-Patient Surgical Dressing will count in lieu of 3 months' In-Patient Surgical Dressing.

† 3 months' attendance in Medical Out-Patients will count in lieu of 3 months In-Patient Medical clerking.

V. RULES FOR CLINICAL CLERKS.

(1) At the commencement of each quarter all Clerks meet the First Assistants to the Medical Firms. A notice is posted stating the time and place of meeting for each Firm.

(2) Clinical Clerks are expected to begin work at 9.30 A.M., and remain until they are no longer required by their Chiefs, First Assistant, or House-Physician. The Wards are open to Clerks from 9.30 A.M. to 12 noon and from 1 to 5 P.M. (Wednesday, 1–4 P.M.).

(3) At the beginning of each quarter the cases in the Wards are divided among the Clerks on the list. New cases are allotted to them as they are admitted, and Clerks must ascertain daily whether any new cases have been allotted to them.

(4) The Clinical Clerk is responsible for a clinical record of his case. The History must be taken and the patient examined as soon as possible after admission to Hospital. If the Patient has been in the Hospital previously, the notes, or an abstract of them, must be obtained from the Registrars' Office. No examination of a female patient may be made unless a member of the Nursing Staff is present. All notes are the property of the House Committee, under the care of the First Assistants, and may not be removed from the Wards.

(5) The urine of every patient must be tested on the day following admission and afterwards once a week. When any abnormality is present the urine must be tested more frequently, and further examinations, *e.g.*, blood pressure estimations, must be made according to the case.

(6) Every case must be examined and continuation notes made at least once a week. In acute cases notes should be made daily. Before a patient is discharged a final note on the physical condition must be written.

(7) If a Clerk wants leave of absence he must arrange for one of his colleagues to do his work, and then apply to the First Assistant of his Firm on the form provided in the Dean's Office. If the First Assistant approves, he will initial the form. The clerk then takes it to the Dean's Office, and must not go away until his leave of absence has been sanctioned by the Dean.

(8) In the event of illness a written note should be sent at once to the First Assistant. In the case of absence for any reason for more than three days the Dean must be notified.

(9) At the end of each quarter a report on the work of each Clinical Clerk is sent to the Dean by the Physicians and the Medical First Assistants. The College Board, when making appointments, take these reports into consideration.

(10) In all matters connected with their professional duties the Clinical Clerks are responsible to the Physician or their representative. In all matters unconnected with professional duty they are responsible to the House Governor.

VI RULES FOR SURGICAL DRESSERS.

(1) At the commencement of each quarter all new Dressers meet the Surgical First Assistants. A notice is posted stating the time and place of meeting for each Firm.

(2) Dressers are expected to begin work at 9.30 A.M., and remain until no longer required by the Surgeon, First Assistant, or House-Surgeon. The Wards are open to Dressers from 9.30 A.M. to 12 noon and from 1 to 5 P.M. (Wednesday, 1–4 P.M.). The Wards are, however, never closed to a Dresser sent on duty by his House-Surgeon.

(3) At the beginning of each quarter the cases in the Wards are divided among the Dressers on the list. New cases

are allotted to Dressers as they are admitted, and Dressers must ascertain daily whether any new cases have been allotted to them.

(4) Dressers must attend regularly in the Wards and in the Operating Theatres as required by the Surgeons under whom they are working. In the absence of the Surgeon a Dresser is responsible to the House-Surgeon for his work in the Wards, and must carry out his House-Surgeon's orders as to dressings, preparing patients for operations, etc. It is important to the working of the Wards that dressings be done as early as possible. A Dresser should, therefore, start his day's work by doing his dressings, and when he has finished these turn to his notes.

(5) Notes on cases must be taken as soon as possible after admission. If the patient has been in the Hospital before, the old notes must be looked up, an abstract must be made, and the registered number of the old notes must be filled in on the space provided for this purpose on the front page of the History. If the patient has been transferred from a Physician, the registered number of the medical notes must be filled in on the same space. A description of the operation and treatment must be written in each case, and notes made on the progress of the patient and his condition on discharge. Notes are the property of the House Committee and may not be removed from the Wards.

(6) The urine of each patient must be tested on the day following admission, and any abnormality at once reported to the House-Surgeon. The urine of every patient about to be operated must be tested on the day of the operation. If at any time anything abnormal is found in the urine it should be tested at short intervals throughout the patient's stay in Hospital. This also applies to all urinary cases, even if nothing abnormal is present on first examination. Other clinical investigations must be made as required.

(7) No examination of a female patient is allowed to be made unless a member of the Nursing Staff is present, and no rectal or vaginal examination may be made unless a senior officer is present.

(8) During the time when a firm is "Taking In," the Dressers are on duty in the Receiving Room at the hours specified on the list posted in the Hall at the commencement of each term of dressing. If a Dresser cannot from any cause be present he must obtain leave of absence from his House-Surgeon and get one of the other Dressers on the Firm to do his work. During the time a Dresser is on duty in the Receiving Room he is under the supervision of the Receiving Room Officer, and must carry out his instructions. Receiving Room duty takes precedence of all other work.

(9) If a Dresser desires leave of absence he must get one of the other dressers on the Firm to undertake to do his work for him, and obtain permission from his First Assistant on the form provided in the Dean's Office. If the First Assistant approves, he will initial the form. The Dresser then takes it to the Dean's Office, and must not go away until his leave of absence has been sanctioned by the Dean.

(10) In the event of illness he must write at once to the House-Surgeon and to the First Assistant. In the case of absence for more than four days for any reason the Dean must be notified.

(11) At the end of each quarter a report on the work of each Dresser is given to the Dean by Surgeons and First Assistants under whom he worked. If the work of the Dresser has been unsatisfactory he may be required to act for an additional term of three months.

(12) In all matters connected with their professional duties the Dressers are responsible to the Surgeons or their representative. In all matters unconnected with professional duty they are responsible to the House Governor.

VII. RULES FOR CLERKS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MIDWIFERY AND GYNÆCOLOGY

Before holding this appointment students must be certified as having their throats free from hæmolytic streptococci.

Students must report in the Clinical Laboratory to have their throats swabbed druing the first week of the month in which they are doing Anæsthetics, *i. e.*, during the first week of the month preceding the month in which they begin Midwifery. This gives time to deal with the situation if hæmolytic streptococci are found before the student is actually due to begin Midwifery.

The appointment of clerk to the Department of Obstetrics and Gynæcology occupies five months. Six or eight clerks begin this appointment every month, after anæsthetics in the previous month. During the first two months of this appointment the student acts as a Maternity Assistant. He is provided with accommodation in or near the Hospital, and contributes £5 17*s.* 6*d.* towards the cost of his board-residence. This must be paid at least one week before the student is due to begin his Maternity Assistantship. While acting as a Maternity Assistant a student must conduct at least 20 maternity cases, and attend ante-natal clinics, post-natal clinics, and demonstrations in the care of the new-born. During the remaining three months he acts as a clerk in the Gynæcological Wards, the Children's Department, and Gynæcological Out-Patients.

During the first month Maternity Assistants live at 28 Newark Street, and are on call in turn for confinements in Mary Northcliffe Wards. These calls take priority over all other duties. When no other duties are specified in the time-table *all* Maternity Assistants must attend all confinements normal and abnormal both during the day or at night.

During the second month two students go to Southend Hospital. The remaining four or six spend 15 days in residence in the London Hospital, during which time they are responsible for the conduct of Maternity Cases on the District, and 15 days in residence at Mile End Hospital for further In-patient obstetric experience.

Two or three Maternity Assistants live at Mile End Hospital, from the 1st to the 15th, and two or three from the 15th to the end of the month. One Assistant is at liberty to return to the Hospital during the day to attend the wards and operations, and an Assistant who has already attended cases on the District is able to visit his cases provided he is not required for duty at Mile End Hospital.

The Maternity Assistants who remain on duty in the Hospital are on call for confinements on the District, and take the cases in turn with each other. These calls take priority over all other duties. Maternity Assistants must :—

(1) call upon the Maternity Almoner in the Out-Patient Department before coming on duty ;

(2) write the names of all women confined at once on the board in the Receiving Room ;

(3) pay daily visits to normal cases on the first five days and on the seventh day after the birth of the child : in abnormal cases daily visits must be paid and daily reports made to the Junior Resident Accoucheur ;

(4) keep a Temperature Chart for each case, hanging up in the Maternity Room for inspection ;

(5) remember that on being called to a case in labour and leaving before the Patient's Delivery he must not attend another case without first informing the Junior Resident Accoucheur ;

(6) remember that on completion of the fortnight of external Midwifery he must hand in the Maternity Sheets and Ante-Natal Cards of his cases to the Junior Resident Accoucheur to be initialled.

A Labour Nurse accompanies each Maternity Assistant to all confinements. She is summoned by the Hospital Porter, meets the Maternity Assistant in the Front Hall of the Hospital, and goes out to the case with him. The student is responsible for the management of the case, and must send for medical aid when necessary. The Nurse assists him during the labour

and washes the mother and baby. A Nurse attends the mother every day for ten days to a fortnight after the confinement to wash her and her baby, in addition to the prescribed visits of the Maternity Assistants following.

Women who have engaged the Maternity Nurse previous to their confinement have " M.N." stamped on their white cards, and they send up for her immediately after confinement. If the Patient's card does not bear the letters " M.N.," and if the Maternity Assistant considers it necessary that the Maternity Nurse should attend, he should notify the Maternity Almoner. The mauve cards stamped " M.N." should not be brought away from the patient's house by the Maternity Assistant, but should be left with the patient to send to the Maternity Nurse's address as soon as possible after confinement. The Maternity Almoner deals with applications from Maternity Assistants for extra milk, nourishment, or baby clothes, for their patients.

VIII. APPLICATIONS FOR HOUSE APPOINTMENTS.

A Register of the chief appointments held at the Hospital is published in ' The London Hospital Gazette,' and shows the dates of election and retirement of the holders of offices. All offices are vacant at the expiration of the terms of appointment, whether the holders of office are eligible or ineligible for re-election. Thus the Register is a permanent notice, and candidates can see when vacancies may be expected and when they can apply. If vacancies occur unexpectedly special notices are posted. *All applications for House Appointments must be made to the Dean in writing* on forms which may be obtained in the Dean's Office. Candidates for House Appointments are required to attend before the College Board when applications are considered. Meetings for this purpose are held in February, May, July, October, and November.

Every House-Physician, House-Surgeon, or Emergency Officer nominated for the first time is required, before coming on duty, to obtain practical experience in the operation of tracheotomy

on the dead subject, under the supervision of one of the Pathologists, and to produce a certificate of proficiency to the Dean.

Appointments at the Hospital must normally be held for the full term. Should any unavoidable cause, such as illness, prevent this, notice must be sent to the Dean at once in order that the post may be filled with as little delay as possible.

The House Committee requires all qualified clinical workers in the Hospital, both Medical and Dental, to be insured against professional liabilities with one of the recognised medical and dental protection societies. Students should therefore take out an Insurance Policy of this kind immediately after qualification. Advice may be obtained from the Secretary of the College.

IX. TESTIMONIALS.

Qualified students who wish to apply for Appointments in the Provinces or in London are usually required to furnish three testimonials. It is customary to obtain one from the Dean, one from a Physician, and one from a Surgeon.

Students who have held resident appointments in the Hospital should apply to the Dean and to their former chiefs for any testimonials they may require. Recently qualified students, and men who have *not* held resident appointments at the Hospital, wishing to apply for appointments elsewhere, should *not* apply for testimonials direct to members of the Staff. They should apply in the Dean's Office, and state the Physician and Surgeon from whom they would like to obtain a testimonial. The Dean will then write to the Physician and Surgeon chosen, supplying him with details of the student's career and record, and the testimonial will be sent to the student direct.

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